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THE Y. W. C. A. ON THE JOY ZONE

Welfare Work And Recreation For the Girls Employed on the San Francisco Fairgrounds.

By MARGARET T. HODGEN

(Exclusive Service The Survey Press Bureau.)

From the day San Francisco fair opened in February, the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association has been vigilantly engaged in two pieces of work for visiting women. One—to offer information, rest and refreshment to the stranger—was a matter of organization along more or less well-beaten trails. The other—to discover fields of useful service to the lonely and unprotected women employees on the fairgrounds—taxed the imagination and initiative of the staff of secretaries in the association's own special building. And of all these the hardest task was with the girls of the Joy Zone, who both live and do their turns in an atmosphere of obvious hardship and temptation.

"Smile—life's pathway!" The Joy Zone is a street almost entirely about three-quarters of a mile long where the crowds go of an evening for entertainment of a peculiarly light order. The person with adaptable enthusiasm can enjoy a trip in a motorcar, a visit to the Coliseum, a vision of creation, and a hot walk, all in a brief half hour. It is not without significance that the zone is situated at the opposite end of the fairgrounds from the Palace of Fine Arts and Education, and that its most ubiquitous sign is "Smile: it's painless."

Girls are employed everywhere. Some are cashiers, some diva for a living, some, dressed in Colonial costumes, sell candy and chewing-gum, some are Egyptian princesses, some are "dancers." Then there are waitresses, shooting gallery attendants, rough rider maidens, living dolls, and a variety of vocations of all kinds and descriptions.

There are between 300 and 400 young women on the zone, ranging in age from 16 to 24. Some of them live in rough boarding houses, the concentration of others live in rooms off the grounds. They get their meals at the cheapest and most convenient counters. That overstrain, exploitation, and temptation crowd every day of their lives is not an isolated fact, it is the constant accompaniment of commercialized recreation, and the exploitation merely lends glamour and intensity.

Carthage Under the Scenic Railway. Concentration was at first inclined to regard the Y. W. C. A. as a "second-rate boarding-house and a third-rate prayer meeting," organized for systematic instruction. But by sincere efforts to see the employer's side as well as the girl's side, resentment was reduced to a very practical sort of co-operation. Upon invitation of the concessionaires, a clubhouse was built under the tracks of the scenic railway for the exclusive use of the zone girls. There they can secure a twelve-cent lunch and a rest after-wards. They can have hot baths; they can come of an afternoon or evening to read or sew or just plain talk.

In the girls on the zone seemed to receive more attention than those in

G. A. R. MATINEE MEETING WILL BE HELD TOMORROW

Many Aged Members Are Expected to Visit Monthly Gathering.

For the second time in its history Elias Howe post, No. 3, G. A. R., will have an afternoon meeting in Grand Army hall in Main street tomorrow afternoon, commencing at 2:30 o'clock. If the attendance warrants it afternoon meetings will be held on the first Thursday in each month for the balance of the year. Many of the members of the post are aged and their right to work for them to-day is attending an evening meeting, hence they are denied the pleasure of the weekly meetings with their old comrades and "fighting their battles over again."

Many Grand Army posts in Connecticut have long since adopted the plan of afternoon meetings but Elias Howe post numbers so many members who are still vigorous despite their years and the hardships they endured in the service, that the post is one of the last of the big posts of the state to try this plan. The first afternoon meeting was held last month and of the 170 members of the post, 40 were at the meeting. Many of those who attended were past 80 years of age and one, William Tait of 2088 Main street, is nearly 90.

At the meeting tomorrow afternoon, Dr. George L. Porter will deliver a patriotic address. Plans for attendance at the National Encampment in Washington, D. C., Sept. 27 to Oct. 2, will be discussed. Russell Glenn, who is an aide on the staff of Commander-in-Chief, Palmer, is among those who plan to attend. There is elevator service direct to Grand Army hall, so that those who attend the meetings will have no stairs to climb.

AUGUST WEDDINGS

SPANER-BEAMAN.

Miss Virginia Beaman and Mr. Lawrence Spaner of Oronoque, were married on Saturday at the home of the bride's uncle, James Waite of Covington street, the ceremony being performed in the presence of a small company of relatives and friends by the Rev. Leonard E. Todd of Oakville. The bride was attended by Miss Charlotte Johnson of Oronoque and the groom by Irving Webb of Oronoque. The bride is well known in this city where she has resided for the past year or more, having come here from Oakville. The young couple are now enjoying a wedding trip and upon their return they will reside with the bridegroom's uncle, Representative J. Henry Blakeman of Oronoque.

BEVAN-LANE.

St. Charles factory was the scene of a very pretty wedding this morning when the Rev. J. V. Hunsdon united Miss Anna Bevan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Bevan, 115 Berkshire avenue, and Raymond R. Lane, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Lane, 680 William street. The attendants were Miss Gertrude Lane, sister of the groom and William Lane. The bride wore a gown of white crepe with a long train and was given in white embroidered edelweiss. The groom is employed as foreman at the Royal Equipment Co. and the bride is well known throughout the city. After the ceremony both were the recipients of hearty congratulations. They will take a honeymoon trip through the Adirondacks and to Niagara Falls, after which they will reside in this city.

COOK-GILLICK.

Miss Margaret G. Gillick and Mr. William D. Cook, Jr. were united in marriage at St. Mary's church at 7 Saturday evening, the Rev. Thos. P. Mulcahy assisting pastor of the church, performing the ceremony. Following the ceremony, there was a dinner at the home of the bride's parents, 78 Hough avenue, which was attended by the immediate families of the young couple. Mr. and Mrs. Cook left on a wedding trip through the Berkshires, stopping on their return trip at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Morrison of Laurel street, Hartford. Mrs. Morrison is a cousin of the bride. Both the bride and groom are well and popularly known in this city and their numerous friends will be pleased to learn of their marriage.

Dynamite Scare As Norfolk Building Burns

Norfolk, Conn., Aug. 4.—The dwelling of John Spino, in West Norfolk, was at work someone spread a report that there was dynamite in the building and everyone near beat a quick retreat to safety. The fire did not disclose any explosive. The loss was \$2,000.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Mary Minor, principal of Connecticut school in St. Luke's hospital, New York where she underwent an operation for appendicitis a few days ago. Miss Minor is resting comfortably and progressing as well as can be expected. It is thought that she will return to this city within a few weeks.

Inspector D. B. Ferns of the Hartford Steam Boiler Insurance Co. is spending a two weeks vacation with his family at Laurel Lake, Lee, Mass.

SWEEP BY SOUND BREEZES

Swept by the breezes of the Sound the Casino at Lordship Manor is rapidly becoming one of the most popular places in reach of Bridgeport for dancing parties. Dances open to the public are held every Thursday and Saturday evenings, the music is excellent, and many of the finest young people of the city attend. The Casino is at a popular figure. The Casino is under the management of Prof. D. C. Quilly which is an assurance that it is well conducted. Friday evening is reserved for reservable parties and the Casino is usually well filled.

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Promotions Without Examinations

"Few schools now rely entirely upon examinations as a test for promotion," declares W. S. Deffenbaugh, Chief of the Division of School Administration of the U. S. Bureau of Education, in his annual review of school conditions in the smaller cities. "In some schools examinations are made to count only one-fourth. It is now recognized that examinations are not true tests of the pupil's ability to do the next grade's work, and that a pupil should not be promoted on what he knows, but on what he can do. Of 788 superintendents in the smaller cities reporting, 688 say that they are now depending on examinations much less than formerly."

How pupils shall be classified so that they may advance through the grades without loss of time is a question that is continually presenting itself to thoughtful superintendents, according to Mr. Deffenbaugh, and some cities are undertaking special experiments in this field.

In Carthage, N. Y., all those children who can not read are started on their educational journey in much the same way. Gradually they are re-grouped into three divisions. The first, composed of the most mature and most capable, completes a certain amount of work in one year; the next group is given one and one-half years in which to accomplish the same amount, and the third two years. Before the close of the first year each of the three groups is likely to be divided again into the higher and lower. Therefore each pupil who enters in the fall with no knowledge of the books has before him the possibility of being in any one of six groups before the close of the first year. There is a special teacher in the lower grades who devotes her entire time to misfits—those pupils who for some reason or other can not do all of the work to the best advantage in any of the regular groups. This teacher coaches backward pupils and helps the brilliant ones to jump to the next higher division.

In East Chicago, Ind., a child is promoted at any time the teacher and supervisors feel he would be benefited. The plan is not to do all of the work to the best advantage in any of the regular groups. This teacher coaches backward pupils and helps the brilliant ones to jump to the next higher division.

The superintendent of schools in Williamsburg, Va., reports: "We use the shifting group plan of grading pupils and a form of reports to parents that keep parents thoroughly informed as to the pupils standing the year. As each weakness of a pupil is discovered by the teacher, it becomes a matter of special consideration and study by teacher, parents, principal and the pupil. Tentative shifts can be made at any time. The aim is to relieve the teacher of all tasks and to reduce routine to the minimum, but to insist upon a constant and sympathetic study of the child—every child—but particularly every child who is in danger of falling behind his class. No percentages or grades are accepted from a teacher as excuses for promotion or demotion. If a pupil is weak, efforts are made to ascertain the exact nature of his weakness early in the term and remedy it."

Summer Clothing For Men

Men are always supposed to be free from the burdensome trappings of dress. Yet those who work in stores and offices usually wear through the hot weather clothing that adds to the discomforts of the season. The creature that wears tight starched collars and heavy frock coats on a warm day can never say anything to women about subservience to absurd fashions. Farmers, mechanics, teamsters and other outdoor workers do not submit to the tyrannical restrictions. They strip to their tasks, and perhaps suffer less at their vigorous effort than the swathed and swaddled man in the survival chain. Of course, people always used to have light linen or alpaca coats, in which they used to pass the warm weather in comfort. Many men of simple habits wear them still. But the fact that they tend to get shabbier and shabbier with some of our tailor made men. A neat and trim appearance is a fine thing for a business man to cultivate. But it does not pay to look in the mirror very much with the thermometer at 90.

VEST-POCKET JAGS COMING?

Will vest-pocket jags be sent throughout prohibition territory as the most convenient form of evading state laws? Will the congealed tabloid form of drinking follow to natural stimulus as being "cheaper, safer and almost as good" as there is ever established a prohibition territory where prohibition legislation really prohibits? Here is a new dispatch under London date line that has just appeared in American newspapers: "American investors face a new opportunity to pluck laurels from the fields of war. It is situated with the side of English women to contribute to the comfort of their soldiers in the trenches during the hot months. Someone suggested that instead of

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sending sweets, it would help if Tompkins were supplied with cooling drinks.

An enterprising firm promptly came upon the market with lemonade tablets. The cool drinks in tablet form, needing only to be dropped into a glass of water. They were a success, and the men at the front are being provided with pill boxes full.

Miss Julius By the Box. Now the British are looking to American ingenuity to provide them with a still greater improvement on the tablet idea, whereby it will be possible to buy a box of mint juleps in tablet form or to carry six or seven assorted jags in the vest pocket. In the future, it is hoped, the question, "Scotch or rye?" may be answered by the production of a box from the right or left pocket.

POLICE WILL HOLD ANNUAL OUTING SOON

At the meeting of members of the local police department held at police headquarters yesterday afternoon, it was decided to hold the annual outing and sheep roast of the association on August 28. The place selected is the grove back of the Gilman estate at Black Rock.

HUMAN SOCIETY TO PROSECUTE MAN WHO ABANDONED HIS HORSE

The agents of the Connecticut Humane society have made their annual summer inspection of large stables throughout the state. The society will prosecute Moses Novelsky of Newtown for alleged cruelty to a horse, a cow and two calves. One evening after returning home from an all day ride, Novelsky, it is claimed, abandoned his horse, which was later found in a neighbor's yard several miles away. The horse was found to be in a wretched condition due to ill treatment. The agents also found that a cow and two calves had been neglected. The cow had not been milked for several days and the calves were slowly starving, because they had been tied with a noose knot.

Install New Officers of Konkapotanauhs

After the regular meeting of Konkapotanauhs tribe, No. 50, I. O. R. M., last night, Deputy Chief Haymaker Myron L. Gunn of Milford and his staff installed the officers of Konkapotanauhs Haymakers. The officers are: Chief Haymaker, James Buttery; assistant chief haymaker, John W. Stirk; overseer, Edmund R. Stirk; chief haymaker, Harry J. Sheridan; and keeper of bundles, Lafayette Peck, Jr. Lunch was served afterward and the Haymakers are preparing for an old fashioned corn roast. Members of Konkapotanauhs tribe baseball team will play the ball team of Mat-tahasset tribe of New Britain at Wheeler's lot, Sunday afternoon. Lunch will be served in the hall, 1087 Broad street, after the game. On Saturday, August 21, the members will attend a clam bake in Fairfield woods.

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NEW TOWN MAN ONCE REJECTED GOES AGAIN TO EUROPE TO ENLIST

(Special to The Farmer) Newtown, Aug. 4.—Head-of-the-Meadow district is the home of one of France's most ardent patriots, Charles Durand, son of Joseph Durand, has taken a ship for Marseilles to enter the French army after having already made one trip across the ocean for the purpose and having been refused. Durand responded to the call to the colors, last September, but when he reached France his eyesight was deterred, he returned to this country, consulted an eye specialist in New York and last week examination showed that his sight was well enough to allow him admission into the army. He took ship for France Thursday. His father, who went to New York to bid him good bye, found that he had already gone. William H. Blatch, husband of Harriet Stanton Blatch, the suffrage leader, was killed when he stepped on a live wire at Shoreham, L. I. The battleships Missouri, Wisconsin and Ohio, carrying 340 midshipmen from Annapolis on their annual practice cruise, arrived at San Francisco. A serious food shortage is reported from Hayti.

TALKING MACHINES IN THE FRENCH TRENCHES

Paris, Aug. 4.—Specialists concentrated talking machines are now being manufactured by a Paris business house for use in the trenches. The reproduction is just sufficiently loud for listeners close to the machine. Several thousands of the machines have already been sent to the front.

AUTO HITS BICYCLIST

While riding his bicycle after Sterling street near Noble avenue Joseph Fendorf was struck by an automobile and thrown to the street. He suffered a severely bruised leg. His wheel was damaged. The owner of the auto is unknown.

WEATHER FORECAST

New Haven, Aug. 4.—Forecast: Fair tonight, Thursday clearing.
Connecticut: Partly cloudy Thursday; strong east winds becoming variable; a fair breeze from the south; a heavy rain, with a cold front, moving northward and is now central over New Jersey. It has caused very heavy rains with high winds along the middle Atlantic and Southern New England coasts. The lake disturbance has caused heavy rain from the upper Mississippi valley eastward to New England. Erie, Pa., reported 5.78 inches, and Raleigh, N. C., reports 5.20 inches of rain during the last 24 hours. Many places reported two to three inches. Pleasant weather prevails west of the Mississippi river.

ALMANAC FOR TODAY

Sun rises 4:54 a. m.
Sun sets 7:07 p. m.
High water 4:57 a. m.
Low water 11:18 a. m.
Moon rises 11:50 p. m.

OBITUARY

GEORGE BONGSTEN.

The funeral of George Bongsten, who died Saturday, was held Monday afternoon from the chapel of Hawley Wilcox & Reynolds. Burial was in Lakeview cemetery.

IRA E. ABELL.

Ira E. Abell, aged 91, one of the oldest of the residents of Bridgeport who are of German descent, died Monday. Many of the old residents of the city are mourning him today. He is survived by Mrs. M. E. Jaxcox, a daughter, of 276 Colquhoun avenue; Miss Laura Abell, a daughter, of Stratford, and an employee in newspaper work; a son, Leonard G. Abell, and another son, who is in Germany, besides a niece, Mrs. Robert S. Irwin, of Stratford.

BIGGEST OX WILL GO TO THE SLAUGHTER

Schwerin, Germany, August 3.—"Sultan," the biggest ox in the world, has been brought here for slaughter. He was exhibited at all the big cattle fairs in Germany. He is a giant of flesh and bone, just a fraction of an inch under 8 feet 10 inches in height, and weighs 4,188 pounds. He is pure white and was bred from a zebu or Indian bull.

N. E. Q. P. OUTING TO BE AT MOMAUGUIN

The annual state outing of the New England Order of Protection at Momauguin, Aug. 7, promises to be well attended by Bridgeport members according to Wallace A. Smith, past grand warden who is on the field day committee. A number of athletic events are scheduled, entries for which will close just before the competitions.

Snow fell in parts of Iowa and Michigan.